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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code ____ Reviewer _____ Date __ _____

***Resource Name or #:** 171 West H Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 171 West H Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-044-19
***P3a. Description:**

This residence has an L-shape plan consisting of a primary structure and a flat roof addition on the east side. The house is set on a raised foundation with a one and one-half story principal structure and a one-story side addition. The primary structure and the side addition are tied together by a spanning porch which wraps around the east side of the front façade. The principal structure is cross gable and hip roofed with a steep pitch and eave returns on the gable. In form and roof treatment it is similar to a number of Greek Revival residences that were built in Benicia circa 1870. The entry door is located on the east side of the front façade and a double hung window is placed on the west. The porch is covered by a flat roof which is supported on thin battered posts. The porch rail is closed and the wood stair is flanked by stepped balustrades. The porch posts, closed rail and the stepped balustrade suggest that the porch, or at least these parts of it, may have been added in the teens or 1920s and probably replaced an earlier stoop or porch. The basement story has been converted to a garage on the west side adjacent to the stair. The house is clad with clapboard.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ■ Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view north

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1870
☐ Prehistoric ■Historic ☐ Both
***P7. Owner and Address:**
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Benicia, CA 94510
***P8. Recorded by:**
Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-04
***P10. Type of Survey:** ■ Intensive ☐ Reconnaissance ☐ Other
Describe Eligibility Evaluation
***P11. Report Citation:** none
***Attachments:** ☐ NONE ☐ Map Sheet ☐ Continuation Sheet ■ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Linear Resource Record ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

***Resource Identifier:** 171 West H Street ***NRHP Status Code:** 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential **B4. Present Use:** Residential

***B5. Architectural Style:** Greek Revival

***B6. Construction History:** Porch and balustrades appear to be replacement, probably added circa 1920.

***B7. Moved?** ■ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown **Date:** N/A **Original Location:** same

***B8. Related Features**: none

B9a. Architect: unknown **B9b. Builder:** unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance**: 1847-1940 **Property Type**: Single Family **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This is a Greek Revival house with a side (east) addition. Circa the 1920s it is probable that the current porch with its battered posts, closed rail and stepped balustrade were added. If this is the case, the changes were made within the period of significance of the Downtown Historic District When the house was surveyed in 1986 it was evaluated as a possible contributor to the historic district. Given the age of the building and the fact that the current porch, although not typical of Greek Revival buildings, was added within the period of significance, the house should be elevated to the status of a contributing building within the district.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

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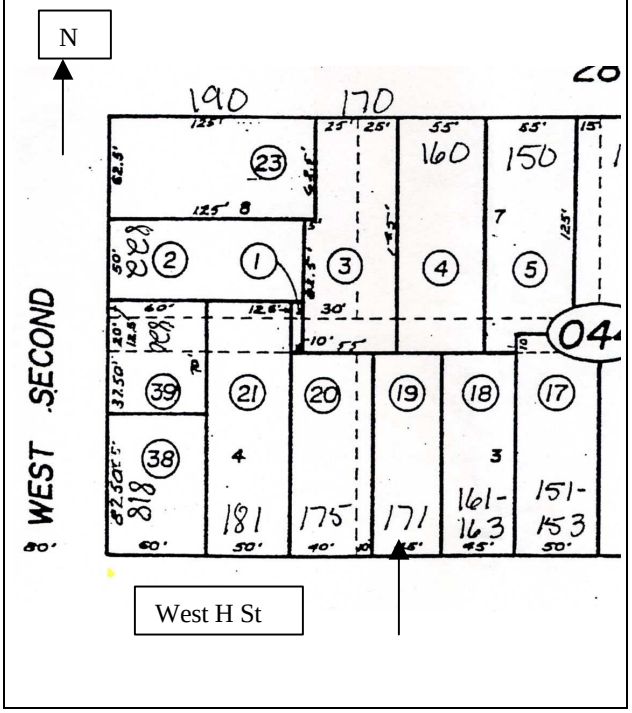
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 11-22-04

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